

**DAMAGE SURVEY REPORT (DSR)**  
**Emergency Watershed Protection Program – Recovery**

**Section 1A**

Date of Report: 03/31/2006

DSR Number: 005-05-001K Project Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**NRCS Entry Only**

Eligible: YES ☒ NO ☐  
Approved: YES ☒ NO ☐  
Funding Priority Number (from Section 4) 3e  
Limited Resource Area: YES ☐ NO ☒

**Section 1B Sponsor Information**

Sponsor Name: East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1

Address: 42077 Churchpoint Road

City/State/Zip: Gonzales, La. 70737-

Telephone Number: (225) 621-1120

Fax: (225) 621-5743

**Section 1C Site Location Information**

County: Ascension

State: LA

Congressional District: 03

Latitude DS

Longitude DS:

Section:

Township: Range:

Latitude US:

Longitude US:

UTM Coordinates: \_\_\_\_\_

Drainage Name Bayou Conway/Panama Canal

Reach 56250

*EXPANDED AUTHORITY*

Damage Description: Debris is reducing the capacity of the channel. Debris consists mostly of trees.

**Section 1D Site Evaluation**

All answers in this Section must be YES in order to be eligible for EWP assistance.

Site Eligibility	YES	NO	Remarks
Damage was a result of a natural disaster?*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Recovery measures would be for runoff retardation or soil erosion prevention?*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Threat to life and/or property?*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Event caused a sudden impairment in the watershed?*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Imminent threat was created by this event?**	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
For structural repairs, not repaired twice within ten years?***	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No structures to repair
<b>Site Defensibility</b>			
Economic, environmental, and social documentation adequate to warrant action (Go to pages 3, 4, 5 and 6 ***)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Proposed action technically viable? (Go to Page 9 ***)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Have all the appropriate steps been taken to ensure that all segments of the affected population have been informed of the EWP program and its possible effects? YES ☒ NO ☐

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Statutory

\*\* Regulation

\*\*\* DSR Pages 3 through 5 are required to support the decisions recorded on this summary page. If additional space is needed on this or any other page in this form, add appropriate pages.

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### Section 1E Proposed Action

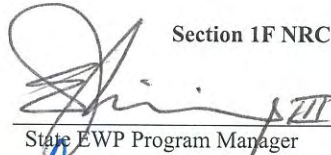
Describe the preferred alternative from Findings: Section 5 A:

The proposed action is the preferred alternative. The proposed action is the least costly alternative that achieves the restoration objectives, maximizes environmental benefits, and is socially acceptable. The total length of the channel is 8.2 miles. However there is little debris and it is scattered in localized areas. The 5,030ft. length is a sum of the measure of those areas.

Total installation cost identified in this DSR: Section 3: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Section 1F NRCS State Office Review and Approval

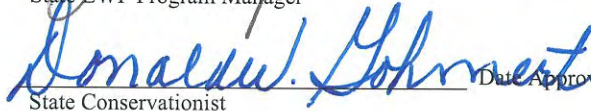
Reviewed By:

  
State EWP Program Manager

Date Reviewed:

7/7/06

Approved By:

  
State Conservationist

Date Approved:

7/10/06

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Signing this form indicates the sponsor concurs and agrees to provide the regional cost-share to implement the EWP recovery measure(s) determined eligible by NRCS under the terms and conditions of the program authority. Failure to provide a signature will result in the applicant being unable to apply for or receive a grant the applicable program authorities. Once signed by the sponsor, this information may not be provided to other agencies. IRS, Department of Justice, or other State or Federal Law Enforcement agencies, and in response to a court or administrative tribunal.

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## Section 2 Environmental Evaluation

2A Resource Concerns	2B Existing Condition	2C Alternative Designation		
		Proposed Action	No Action	Alternative
		Working from the channel remove and dispose of debris and large trees from the channel.	Leave all debris in the channel	Remove and dispose debris and large trees from the channel using both sides of the channel for access
		2D Effects of Alternatives		
<b>Soil</b>				
Bank Erosion	disturbed soils from bank, tree falls, and uprooting 20-T/ac	removal of debris will allow reveg. and reduce loss 5-T/ac	potential for further damage from debris 20-T/ac	reveg./reduce soil loss 10-T/ac
Soil Quality	soil quality reduced	soil quality improved	soil quality reduced	soil quality improved
<b>Water</b>				
<b>Downstream water rights</b>				
DO	low DO from decreased water flow	remove debris/increase flow/DO	blockage/low DO	remove debris/increase flow/DO
BOD	high BOD/debris decomposition	improved BOD by removing detritus	high BOD/decomposition	improved BOD/less detritus
Overall Stream Health	SVAP = 6.7 Fair	SVAP = 7.2 Fair	SVAP = 6.7 Fair	SVAP = 7.2 Fair
<b>Air</b>				
Particulate matter/dust	no effect	slight temporary increase during debris removal	no effect	attainment
<b>Plant</b>				
riparian plants	Loss of riparian food/cover habitat due to down trees	Allow revegetation in riparian area by removing debris	Loss of riparian food/cover habitat due to down trees	Slight negative impact if access is from bank, healthy trees removed
aquatic health/vigor	Poor- low water quality	Increase function with improved water quality	Poor- low water quality	Increase function with improved water quality
<b>Animal</b>				
Aquatic habitat	impaired food web quality	quality increased/reduce BOD	quality reduced/high BOD	quality increased/reduce BOD
Upland habitat	Loss of riparian food/cover habitat due to down trees	Revegetation in riparian after debris removal-improve habitat	Loss of riparian food/cover habitat due to down trees	Slight negative impact if access is from bank, healthy trees removed
<b>Other</b>				
Aesthetics	Poor due to clutter	improved by debris removal	Poor due to clutter	improved by debris removal
Vectors	Increased potential due to stagnation	improve water flow	Increased potential due to stagnation	improve water flow

**Section 2E Special Environmental Concerns**

Resource Consideration	Existing Condition	Alternatives and Effects		
		Proposed Action	No Action	Alternative
Clean Water Act Waters of the U.S.	CWA Jurisdiction. Debris in channel affects water flow and water quality	CWA permit needed-improve water quality and restore hydrology	Continued decrease in water quality w/ debris decomposition and altered hydrology	CWA permit needed- improve water quality/restore hydrology
Coastal Zone Management Areas	Not within the coastal zone	N/A	N/A	N/A
Coral Reefs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cultural Resources	None observed on-site. Cross reference with state leader.	None observed on-site. Cross reference with state leader.	None observed on-site. Cross reference with state leader.	None observed on-site. Cross reference with state leader.
Endangered and Threatened Species	5 Federal T&E species listed for parish in FOTG - none likely to occur on site.	No consultation required	No impact	No consultation required
Environmental Justice	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Essential Fish Habitat	N/A (Referenced with NOAA)	N/A (Referenced with NOAA)	N/A (Referenced with NOAA)	N/A (Referenced with NOAA)
Fish and Wildlife Coordination	State level review by project type with USFWS & LDWF; Consultation not required for debris removal.	State level review by project type with USFWS & LDWF; Consultation not required for debris removal.	State level review by project type with USFWS & LDWF; Consultation not required for debris removal.	State level review by project type with USFWS & LDWF; Consultation not required.
Floodplain Management	Stream is located in 100-year floodplain and function is impaired.	improved function to drainage channel by restoring pre-storm hydraulic capacity	100-year floodplain function is impaired	improved function to drainage channel by restoring pre-storm hydraulic capacity
Invasive Species	Chinese tallow, Chinese privet , Water Hyacinth and Japanese Climbing Vine noted in stream riparian zone.	No long-term effects	Chinese tallow, Chinese privet , Water Hyacinth and Japanese Climbing Vine noted	Disturbing vegetation during access or debris removal may increase chances of spread
Migratory Birds	Slight decrease in quality of available food and cover due to storm event	Proposed action will not have a significant adverse effect on habitat	Food and habitat reduced due to the debris covering subcanopy habitat and riparian	Minor adverse effects on habitat during access
Natural Areas	(FOTG II) none identified	(FOTG II) none identified	(FOTG II) none identified	(FOTG II) none identified
Prime and Unique Farmlands	(FOTG II) (Soil Survey) Prime farmlands are present adjacent to these canals.	(FOTG II) (Soil Survey) No impact to adjacent prime farmland	(FOTG II) (Soil Survey) Prime farmlands are present adjacent to these canals.	(FOTG II) (Soil Survey) No impact to adjacent prime farmland
Riparian Areas	Riparian area impacted by wind damage and debris accumulation	Riparian habitat improved by debris removal and revegetation	Riparian area negatively impacted by increased debris	Slight negative impact if access is from bank, healthy trees removed
Scenic Beauty	(FOTG II) None present	(FOTG II) None present	(FOTG II) None present	(FOTG II) None present
Wetlands	Some wetlands associated-- Impaired due to debris. Majority leveed along banks.	Wetlands values and functions restored to pre-storm conditions.	Some wetlands associated-- Impaired due to debris. Majority leveed along banks.	Wetlands values and functions restored to pre-storm conditions.
Wild and Scenic Rivers	(FOTG II) - LDWF Scenic Streams List (not listed)	(FOTG II) - LDWF Scenic Streams List (not listed)	(FOTG II) - LDWF Scenic Streams List (not listed)	(FOTG II) - LDWF Scenic Streams List (not listed)

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**Section 2F Economic**

**This section must be completed by each alternative considered (attach additional sheets as necessary).**

	Future Damages (\$)	Damage Factor (%)	Near Term Damage Reduction
Properties Protected (Private)			
Houses:			
200@175,000.00	35,000,000.00	25	8,750,000.00
golf course/country club	5,000,000.00	25	1,250,000.00
Businesses:			
Small business 150 @65,000/	9,750,000.00	25	2,437,500.00
Properties Protected (Public):			
Bridges (6) detour 700 vehicles 15miles (1wk)@.485	25,462.50	10.00	2,546.25
1-Rail Road Track	75,000.00	10	7,500.00
2- 2Lane Bridges @ 250,000	500,000.00	10	50,000.00
Total Near Term Damage Reduction \$			12,497,546.25
Net Benefit (Total Near Term Damage Reduction minus Cost from Section 3)			

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**Section 2G Social Consideration This section must be completed by each alternative considered**

(attach additional sheets as necessary).

	YES	NO	Remarks
Has there been a loss of life as a result of the watershed impairment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Is there the potential for loss of life due to damages from the watershed impairment?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Has access to a hospital or medical facility been impaired by watershed impairment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Has the community as a whole been adversely impacted by the watershed impairment (life and property ceases to operate in a normal capacity)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is there a lack or has there been a reduction of public safety due to watershed impairment?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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**Section 2H Group Representation and Disability Information**

**This section is completed only for the preferred alternative selected.**

Group Representation	Number
American Indian/Alaska Native Female Hispanic	
American Indian/Alaska Native Female Non-Hispanic	
American Indian/Alaska Native Male Hispanic	
American Indian/Alaska Native Male Non-Hispanic	
Asian Female Hispanic	
Asian Female Non-Hispanic	
Asian Male Hispanic	
Asian Male Non-Hispanic	
Black or African American Female Hispanic	
Black or African American Female Non-Hispanic	59
Black or African American Male Hispanic	
Black or African American Male Non-Hispanic	57
Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander Female Hispanic	
Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander Female Non-Hispanic	
Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander Male Hispanic	
Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander Male Non-Hispanic	
White Female Hispanic	8
White Female Non-Hispanic	238
White Male Hispanic	7
White Male Non-Hispanic	231
Total Group	600

Census tract(s) Ascension

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Section 2I. Required consultation or coordination between the lead agency and/or the RFO and another governmental unit including tribes:

Easements, permissions, or permits:

Required: Access permission (Assumption Parish Government); CWA permit prior to construction is needed (COE); Water Quality Certification is needed (LDEQ).

Five State and/or Federal Species are listed in Ascension Parish, however, no species are listed on the Species of Conservation Concern map and no species noted.

Mitigation Description:

Access debris from within the channel to avoid damage to riparian zone adjacent to channel. Only new/Katrina caused debris will be removed. Live trees leaning over channel at > 45 degrees should be removed to prevent damage during next storm event. Debris will be disposed of off-site when possible to minimize impacts to adjacent riparian areas and to minimize detriment to fish habitat within stream and disposed of in an approved landfill if not chipped on site. Removal will be done in consecutive days to minimize impacts to local wildlife.

Agencies, persons, and references consulted, or to be consulted:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
LA DWF  
LA DEQ  
Ascension Parish Government



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#### Section 4 NRCS EWP Funding Priority

Complete the following section to compute the funding priority for the recovery measures in this application (see instructions on page 10).

Priority Ranking Criteria	Yes	No		Ranking Number Plus Modifier
1. Is this an exigency situation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		3E
2. Is this a site where there is serious, but not immediate threat to human life?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
3. Is this a site where buildings, utilities, or other important infrastructure components are threatened?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4. Is this site a funding priority established by the NRCS Chief?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>The following are modifiers for the above criteria</b>			<b>Modifier</b>	
a. Will the proposed action or alternatives protect or conserve federally-listed threatened and endangered species or critical habitat?				
b. Will the proposed action or alternatives protect or conserve cultural sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places?				
c. Will the proposed action or alternatives protect or conserve prime or important farmland?				
d. Will the proposed action or alternatives protect or conserve existing wetlands?				
e. Will the proposed action or alternatives maintain or improve current water quality conditions?			e	
f. Will the proposed action or alternatives protect or conserve unique habitat, including but not limited to, areas inhabited by State-listed species, fish and wildlife management area, or State identified sensitive habitats?				

Enter priority computation in Section 1A, NRCS Entry, Funding priority number.

Remarks:

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### Section 5A Findings

#### Finding: Indicate the preferred alternative from Section 2 (Enter to Section 1E):

The proposed action is the preferred alternative. The proposed action is the least costly alternative that achieves the restoration objectives, maximizes environmental benefits, and is socially acceptable. The total length of the channel is . miles. However, there is little debris, and it is scattered in localized areas. The ft. length is a summation of the measurement of these localized areas.

*I have considered the effects of the action and the alternatives on the Environmental Economic, Social; the Special Environmental Concerns; and the extraordinary circumstances (40 CFR 1508.27). I find for the reasons stated below, that the preferred alternative:*

- ☒ Has been sufficiently analyzed in the EWP PEIS (reference all that apply)
- Chapter 5.2.2.1.2  
Chapter 5.2.2.2.2  
Chapter \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

☐ May require the preparation of an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.  
The action will be referred to the NRCS State Office on this date:

NRCS representative of the DSR team

Title: DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST Date: 4-5-06

#### Section 5B Comments:

#### Section 5C

#### Sponsor Concurrence:

Sponsor Representative

Title: Director/DPW Date: 3/31/06

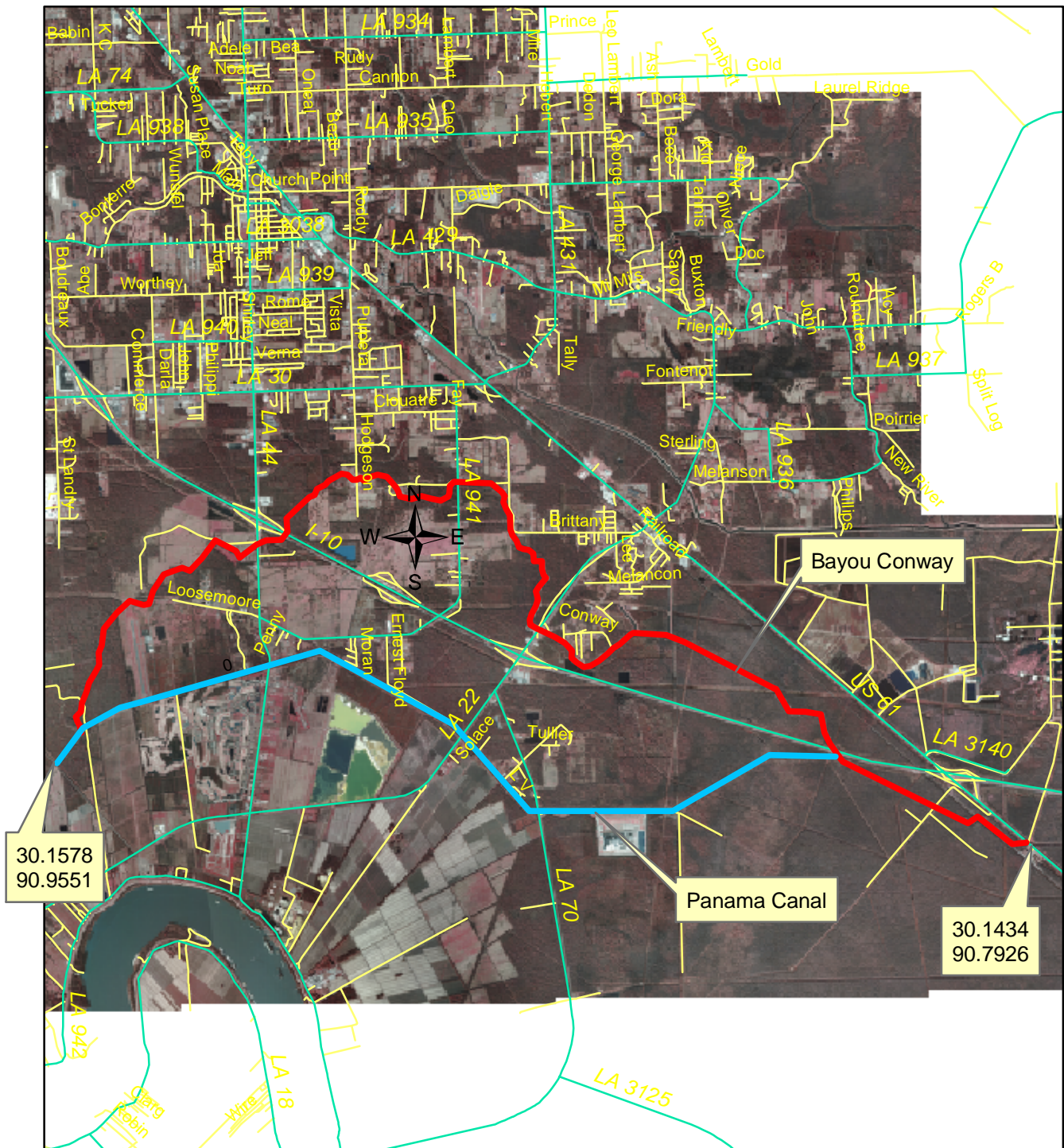
#### Section 6 Attachments:

- A. Location Map
- B. Site Plan or Sketches
- C. Other (explain)

# Permit Map for Conway/Panama

## DSR 005-05-001K

### Ascension Parish



## Legend

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primaryroads  
conway bayoy  
Panama canal

Topo Quad: Sorrento  
Section: 20,9  
Township: 10S  
Range: 4E,3E

